

Users of the Great Salt Lake: The Brine Shrimp Industry

Answers to GSL Advisory Council Questions

-- Summary for 10/29/08 Meeting --

- What are your organization's interests and activities on the Great Salt Lake?
 - The Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative, Inc. is a fully vertically integrated cooperative that harvests, processes, packages and markets brine shrimp eggs on behalf of its members. The Cooperative supplies highly nutritional, on-demand, live feed at the hatchery level to commercial shrimp and fish farms in fifty-five countries around the world.
 - The Utah Artemia Association is the brine shrimp industry's trade association. All eighteen entities that hold Certificates of Registration to harvest brine shrimp eggs from the Great Salt Lake participate in the Association. The industry harvests only the excess brine shrimp eggs from the Great Salt Lake. The Association advocates policies that protect the Great Salt Lake ecosystem and the brine shrimp resource.
- What permits or approvals do you need and from whom?
 - Certificates of Registration (harvest permits) from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR)
 - Special Use Lease (lease of sovereign lands) from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL)
 - Rights of Entry from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL)
 - Other....
- What pressures on the lake affect your organization?
 - Pollutants and Contaminants
 - Salinity
 - In-flows
 - Nutrients
 - Lake Elevation Levels
 - Access
 - Navigability
 - Safety
 - Etc.
- Are there opportunities for improvement with regards to agency management or impacts to the resource?
 - Research / Data Collection and Analysis – we still don't know enough
 - Data Sharing with Industry
 - Operating Costs / Efficiencies relating to Agency Management
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